

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 7 and 26 are amended nor cancelled. Claims 1-31 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 12-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McDonald (U.S. Patent No. 5,984,990), in view of Behl (U.S. Patent No. 6,319,116).

The Office Action acknowledges that McDonald fails to teach or suggest that “the blowing unit and the filtering unit are slidably insertable and removable from the cabinet” as recited in claim 1. However the Office Action sets forth that Behl discloses “ a filter(30) and the blowing unit or fan(26) are slidably insertable and removable from the cabinet(10). It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide both the filter and the fan slidable in and out of the cabinet as taught by Behl in the air cleaning apparatus of McDonald so that it would be easier to provide access to the fan casing for maintenance or routine check-out of the fan.

By way of review, Behl discloses that “A hard disk drive docking adapter includes a rack and a slide with an air filter, an air filter cover and fans. The slide removably mounts a hard disk drive, or memory storage device in the rack” (col. 1, lines 43-50). As noted above, Behl discloses that a slide removably mounts a hard disk drive or memory storage device in the rack but fails to disclose “wherein the blowing unit and the filtering unit are separately slidably insertable and removable from the cabinet” as recited in amended claim 1. Furthermore Behl discloses that “the air filter mounts on the door. The air filter cover holds the air filter” (col.1, lines 58-59). In addition, FIGS 1-3 clearly shows that a filter (31) attached to the door (24) but fails to disclose that “...the filter unit are separately slidably insertable and removable from the cabinet” as recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that neither McDonald nor Behl either alone or in combination, teach or suggest how to combine the blowing unit and the filtering unit are separately slidably insertable and removable from the cabinet amended claim 1.

Furthermore withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claims 2-5, which depend from claim 1, are earnestly solicited.

In addition, for at least a similar rationale, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7-10 and 12-31 are also in proper condition for allowance.

Claims 6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McDonald (U.S. Patent No. 5,984,990), in view of the Behl (U.S. Patent No. 6,319,116 B1), and further in view of Rosen (U.S. Patent No. 5,525,136). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, the Examiner has pointed to the "multilayered filtration in the filter casing" (see Action page 3). Claim 6 addresses this feature but claim 11 does not. However, claim 16 addresses this feature. **Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner attention again as pointed out previous response, it is suspected that the Examiner intended to reject claims 6 and 16 and the response herein so assumes.**

The Office Action notes McDonald fails to disclose "the blowing unit and the filtering unit are slidably insertable and removable from the cabinet." recited in amended claim 1.

Rosen fails to disclose "a net structure with large meshes" recited in claim 6 and claim 16. Furthermore, Behl fails to disclose a blowing unit which is separately slidably insertable and removable from the cabinet as recited in claim 1/6.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that none of the McDonald or Behl or Rosen patents, separately or combined, teach or suggest the air cleaning apparatus as recited in independent claim 6/1 or 16. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claim 6, and independent claim are earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.


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Respectfully submitted,

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